

# Oilers defeat Steelers

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PITTSBURGH — What rookie running back Earl Campbell lacked in yardage he made up for in points, and they were just enough to keep the Houston Oilers' playoff hopes alive in the AFC Central Division.

Hailed by Pittsburgh as the Oilers' "catalyst" despite failing to reach the 100-yard mark for only the fourth time this season, scored three touchdowns Monday night to lead Houston to a 24-17 victory over the sluggish Steelers and end their reign as the NFL's last unbeaten team.

Inspired because "Mom was watching" and led down the field by an overpowering offensive front line, Campbell twice knifed over from the one-yard line and went three yards for the other TD to snap Pittsburgh's victory string at seven.

"They ran on us tonight like no other team has this season, and Mr. Campbell was the reason why," said Steelers middle linebacker Jack Lambert. "But I guess he was their top draft choice. Now you can see why."

But Campbell chose to credit his 89-yard performance to his front line, which also shielded Oiler quarterback Dan Pastorini from Pittsburgh's infamous "Steel Curtain" defense. It was the sixth time this season Pastorini escaped unscathed.

"The offensive linemen were super," Campbell said. "They did a great job of knocking them out of the way."

And he wasn't alone in his feelings.

"Campbell has a lot to do with

their success tonight, but probably the biggest thing was that front line," Lambert said. "They did a great job coming off the ball. They took it right at us. And they played clean all the way. They won my respect for that."

Pittsburgh took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter on Terry Bradshaw's 25-yard touchdown pass to Lynn Swann, but Campbell's first one-yard dive tied it. Then, after a 30-yard field goal by Roy Gerela put the Steelers back on top, Toni Fritsch answered it with a 39-yard boot to make it 10-10 just before halftime.

The Oilers broke away to a 24-10 lead via Campbell's three-yard TD in the third period and his other one-yarder — on a second-chance — in the fourth quarter before Swann grabbed a six-yard scoring toss from Bradshaw with 5:20 left in the game

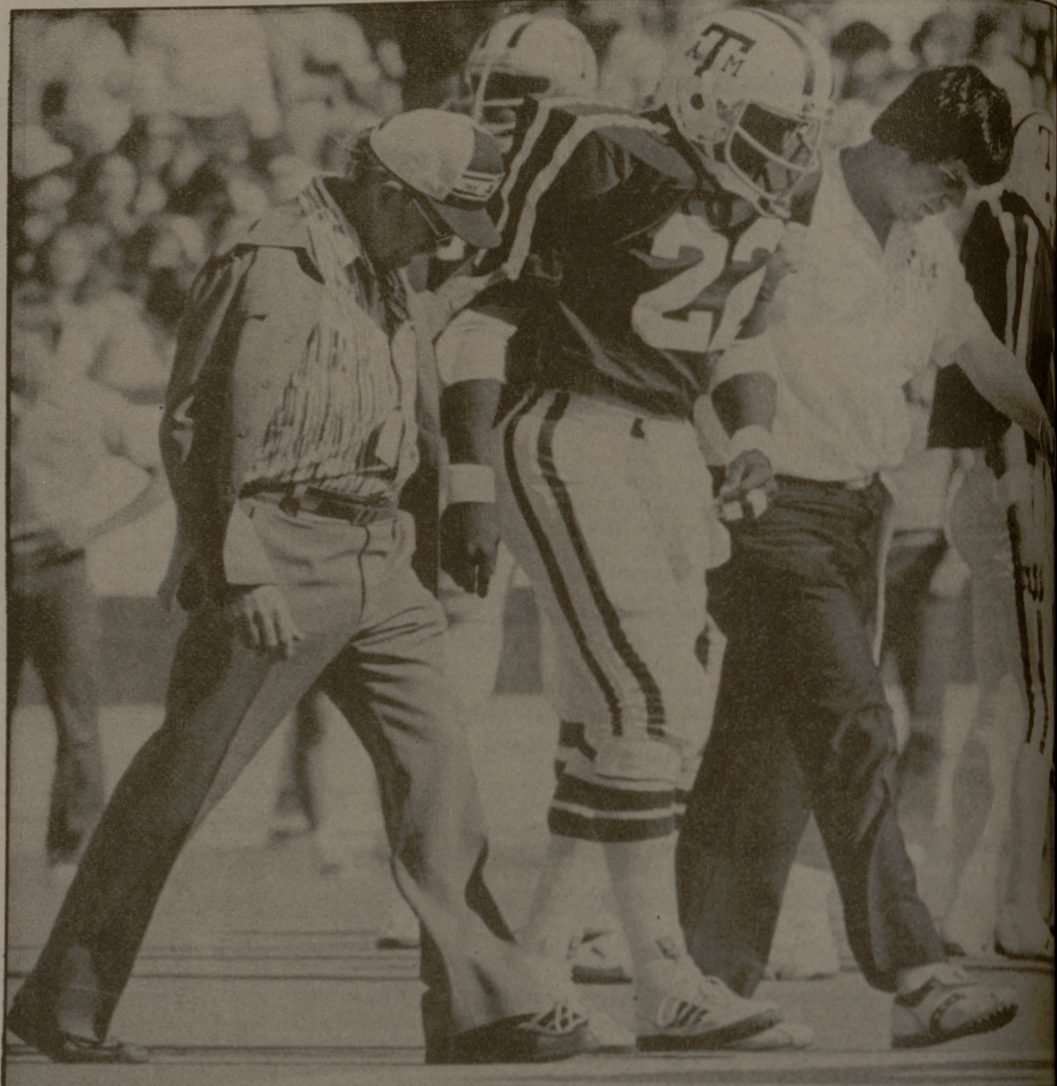
to bring Pittsburgh back within striking range.

Just before Campbell's final, decisive touchdown he had tried to bull over from the one but the ball popped loose and Steeler cornerback Ron Johnson recovered it. But the Steelers were ruled off-sides and Campbell got one more shot.

"That play hurt us real bad," Lambert said.

Houston coach Bum Phillips had said all week prior to Monday night's game that no one could catch the Steelers, but deep inside he believed the time was right for Pittsburgh to be "dumped."

"I thought that before the game," Phillips admitted, "but not once it got started. They played too hard, too well. They weren't down by any means."



Battalion photo by [unreadable]

## Wounded warrior

An injured Curtis Dickey is helped from the field Saturday by Dr. H. C. McQuaide, team physician, and David Heath, assistant trainer. Dickey, the Southwest Conference's

leading rusher, has been hampered by injuries since the Houston game two weeks ago. Dickey carried seven times for 39 yards against Baylor.

## Ags victorious

The Texas A&M doubles team of Max King and Hendrik Roller won the doubles championship of the Houston Fall Festival Tournament Sunday.

King, a sophomore from San Antonio Roosevelt, and Roller, a sophomore from New-Isenburg, Germany, defeated professionals Tim Heckler and Dan Courson in the finals 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. In the semifinals, King and Roller defeated the Texas A&M No. 1 doubles team of Alberto Jimenez and Reid Freeman 6-4, 6-4.

"They just played out of sight," Coach David Kent said of King and Roller. "Nobody gave them a chance and they lost only one set in the entire tournament. I'm tremendously proud of them. There were more than 60 teams in the tournament and the competition was very tough."

# Cowboys take day off

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DALLAS — Tony Dorsett could shut off his alarm clock Monday, drift back to sleep and not feel the slightest twinge of concern.

Even though the Minnesota Vikings come to town next Thursday night for a critical game that television executives have decided to throw into prime time, the Dallas Cowboys took the day off Monday.

Feeling that his team needed to recover both physically and mentally from the Cowboys hard hitting 14-7 decision over Philadelphia Sunday, coach Tom Landry gave his troops a day of rest.

Among other things that delayed the inevitable question as to whether Dorsett made it to practice on time.

It was Dorsett's failure to show up at Dallas' workout last Saturday, along with his failure to notify club

officials why he had not reported, that caused Landry to bench his star runner at the start of the Philadelphia game Sunday.

Both Landry and Dorsett delivered strong statements following the game — Dorsett saying he was humiliated and Landry saying the former Heisman Trophy winner had been thinking about his career.

But there were indications that the incident might calm before Thursday night's game although Dorsett's status as a starter was still in doubt.

Dorsett himself said following the game that he wanted the controversy shoved into the background as soon as possible.

"I'm not looking for controversy," he said. "After today I'm through with it."

"I don't have any hard feelings against Landry. I never second

guess his decisions in a game. I don't second guess his discipline. That's not to say I accept those actions. He's the coach and calls the shots. This was the way he wanted to do it."

"If he's not the greatest he's close to the greatest coach in the game. I still feel that way. I hope he understands and doesn't have hard feelings over the way some things will be printed over what I said. I'm not the type that bites my tongue. I say what's on my mind."

Landry's decision to give the team off Monday runs counter to his normal schedule on weeks when Dallas plays on Thanksgiving Day — something they do again this year.

Normally on those short weeks the team spends Monday looking at film of the previous game and has a short workout. On Tuesday and Wednesday they go through their normal full-scale offensive and defensive workouts.

Following the win over the Eagles' Landry gave no hint that there would be an off day Monday.

"We've got to get ready," Landry said. "But we should not complain. Minnesota has to get ready, too, and they are the ones who have to travel. They should be the ones complaining."

The Cowboys also placed defensive linemen Harvey Martin and David Stalls on the questionable list for Thursday night's game.

Martin is suffering from a hyperextended knee that kept him out of last Sunday's Philadelphia contest and Stalls has a bruised shoulder.

Cowboys doctors said, however, that center John Fitzgerald, who has missed the last two games with a lower back strain, was "probable" for the Vikings.

# Teaff upset about report; drops plans for legal action

**United Press International**  
WACO — Baylor coach Grant Teaff indicated Monday he had dropped any thought of legal action concerning a newspaper report that said he was in danger of losing his job, but he made it clear he was still upset.

"The article that appeared (in a Memphis newspaper) as a fact is upsetting to me personally and to my family, our program, my coaches and Baylor University as a whole," Teaff said.

"My mother heard it on a Dallas television station and it almost put the dear lady in the hospital."

"People who do those unethical things don't understand the repercussions. It is a very humiliating thing to me because I have always done a job that was respected and have never been in this type situation."

A newspaper story that ran last Friday hinted that Teaff's job status was insecure because of his team's five losses to open the 1978 season. Those five losses were by a total of 21 points and Baylor led all five of the games at the half.

Baylor athletic director Jack Patterson subsequently said that Teaff's job was secure as long as Teaff wanted it.

Teaff's team, which was not aware of the report when it met Texas A&M last Saturday, knocked off the Aggies 24-6, for Baylor's first win of the year.

"My relationship with the media as a whole has long been a good one," Teaff said Monday. "It is a relationship that I have been proud of. I am well aware of the job of the media, and I respect that job and

the men of high integrity that do it."

"I also realize that a head coach or anyone else in the public eye loses some of their privacy and that is to be expected. But there comes a

first one to say when I am a poor job of coaching."

Teaff said his original thought was to "probably would not be a lot of things."

Teaff, who was obviously upset by the report when he heard Saturday, seemed to have been by Monday.

"When we left our campus (for the short bus ride to the station) I saw that something had been hung in effigy in front of the dormitory," Teaff joked. "I was afraid it was me. But it turned out to be an Aggie."

"I think that our win in the type of individuals we are losing five straight games will lead every game at the half."

"To be able to stand up against a fighting mad Aggie that has to win to stay in the conference race has to speak for the coaches and players



Grant Teaff

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